

## **Employment Ad Hoc Committee**

The Developmental Disabilities Planning Council's (DDPC) Employment Committee is responsible for bringing the Council information on innovative programs, up-to-date employment data and research, and overseeing and promoting success of employment initiatives of the Council.

Some of the specific activities of the Education Committee include:

- Review of employment goals & objectives, revise where necessary, and monitor progress
- Identify opportunities and partners for collaboration on employment initiatives and connect these opportunities with Employment First and other relevant agencies
- Create awareness and advocate for employment of youth and adults with developmental disabilities (may require work with other committees)
- Highlight and disseminate best practice information using various methods (i.e. webinars, trainings, videos, press releases, reports, etc.) on strategies to support transitioning youth, job creation, and/or self-employment opportunities
- To build capacity, focus research and training on organizations that provide employment training and support to individuals with developmental disabilities
- Support key directions identified in Employment First Strategic Plan
- Identify and brainstorm ideas for potential solicitations to support integrated employment.
- Advise on renewal decisions of contracts and funding strategies – e.g. Untapped Arizona.
- Explore strategies to implement Evidence Based Practices to increase employment opportunities.
- Participate in local employment related activities, events, and presentations.
- Visit innovative employment programs and meet with participants and staff and report to Employment Committee. Disseminate best practices found in the community.
- Identify gaps in implementation of Employment First strategic plan and develop action plan to address gaps
- When necessary, advise on research to help advance employment initiatives